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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2010

NEW MEXICO: **Alfalfa** conditions ranged from poor to excellent with 80 percent of the fourth cutting complete and 25 percent of the fifth cutting complete. **Corn** conditions ranged from good to excellent with 63 percent dough, 36 percent dent and 5 percent mature. Corn harvested for silage was at 12 percent. **Cotton** conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 66 percent setting bolls and 14 percent bolls opening. **Irrigated sorghum** conditions were mostly good with 84 percent headed, 23 percent coloring, and 1 percent mature. **Dry sorghum** conditions ranged from fair to good with 65 percent headed and 20 percent coloring. **Apple** conditions were mostly good. **Chile** conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 41 percent harvested. **Lettuce** conditions ranged from fair to good with 53 percent planted.

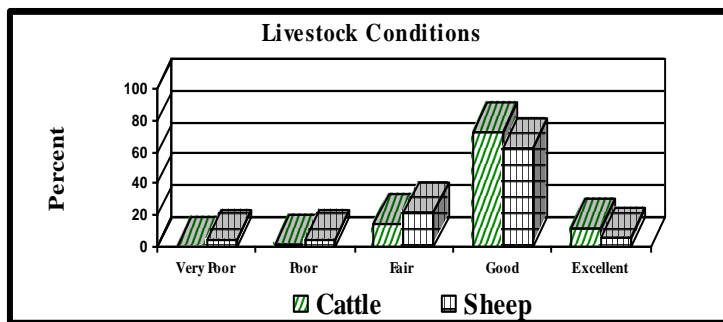
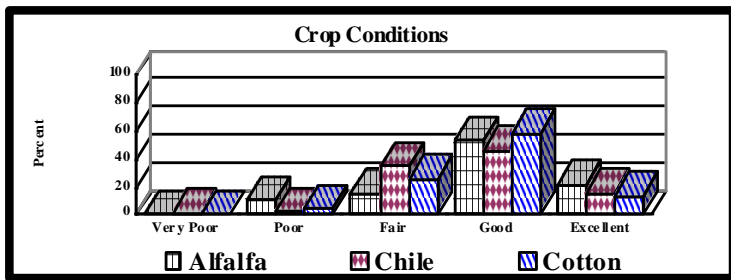
Onions were 99 percent harvested. **Peanut** conditions ranged from fair to good with 86 percent pegging. **Pecan** conditions ranged from fair to excellent. **Cattle** conditions ranged from poor to excellent. **Sheep** conditions ranged from very poor to good. **Range and pasture** conditions ranged from fair to excellent. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. **Topsoil moisture** was 4 percent very short, 27 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Wind damage was 9 percent light with 6 percent cotton damaged by wind to date and 3 percent sorghum damaged by wind to date. No hail damage was reported this week with 3 percent cotton damaged by hail to date, 3 percent corn damaged by hail to date, 3 percent sorghum damaged by hail to date, and 2 percent peanut damaged by hail to date.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	80	75	82	85
Alfalfa	5 th Cutting	25	23	37	37
Chile	Harvested	41	35	71	55
Corn	Mature	5	5	4	13
Corn	Dough	63	43	83	86
Corn	Dent	36	31	42	48
Cotton	Opening	14	13	20	16
Cotton	Set bolls	66	61	79	92
Lettuce	Planted	53	27	26	73
Peanut	Pegging	86	80	83	95
Sorghum	Headed	72	58	88	71
Sorghum	Coloring	21	10	14	19

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-	10	15	53	22
Apple	-	20	-	80	-
Chile	1	2	35	46	16
Corn	-	-	7	68	25
Cotton	-	4	25	58	13
Lettuce	-	-	40	60	-
Peanut	-	-	15	83	2
Pecans	-	3	10	67	20
Sorghum	-	-	38	57	5
Cattle	-	6	22	60	12
Sheep	10	10	10	64	6



County Reporter Comments:

Guadalupe Scattered showers this week; native grass looks green and heading out in some areas of the county. Farmers are preparing their soil to plant alfalfa, winter wheat or permanent pasture. **Eddy** Lost about 6,000 acres of alfalfa to cutworms; never recovered. Lots of stink bugs in sorghum and cotton. Grasshoppers at 10-15 per square yard stealing what grass the rain brought. **Curry** Corn and grain sorghum in good to excellent condition as well as cotton. Corn silage harvesting should begin in the next few weeks. Alfalfa hay harvest has been improving this week

with only light showers in some areas; some still not premium. Cattle and other livestock in good to excellent condition as well as majority of the range. A few areas are only in fair to good condition. **Quay** High heat for several days in a row has been detrimental to most crops showing heat damage and leaf scorch. Some rain received this week on the Eastern side of the county; ranging from 1.5 to 2.0 inches. Light and scattered showers have hit the Quay valley and some areas of the caprock. Most wheat farmers are preparing to plant with the little moisture received.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	13	17	37	33
Northeast	5	25	67	3
Southwest	2	43	42	13
Southeast	1	24	74	1
State Current	4	27	60	9
State-Last Week	2	15	83	-
State-Last Year	26	45	29	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	12	35	48	5

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	36	36	26	2	-
Northeast	1	6	36	44	13
Southwest	-	2	27	55	16
Southeast	1	4	34	49	12
State Current	5	9	33	42	11
State-Last Week	1	6	28	55	10
State-Last Year	11	29	42	17	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	5	17	36	33	9

WEATHER SUMMARY

During the week most areas experienced some precipitation with the highest amounts recorded in the Ruidoso area. Temperatures were near to below normal for most of the state with just a few areas above normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – AUGUST 23 - 29, 2010

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Accum.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Normal</u>
				23 Aug 29 Aug	01 Aug 29 Aug	01 Jan 29 Aug	Aug	Jan- Aug
Northwest								
Albuquerque	73.6	94	59	0.19	0.95	5.77	1.64	6.06
Chama	62.1	82	39	0.28	3.09	15.36	2.82	13.90
Farmington	71.8	88	55	0.49	3.06	8.17	1.05	5.36
Gallup	67.0	88	43	0.21	1.15	7.51	2.26	8.36
Grants	64.9	86	41	0.02	1.82	7.85	2.16	6.95
Johnson Ranch	64.6	86	43	0.00	0.14	7.09	2.29	7.72
Los Alamos	63.7	82	44	0.33	2.58	12.25	3.52	13.18
Red River	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	15.03
Santa Fe	69.1	94	46	0.06	0.35	11.52	2.39	10.03
Northeast								
Capulin	67.3	89	45	0.00	1.94	11.19	2.56	13.08
Clayton	73.1	97	53	0.10	1.28	13.63	2.61	11.61
Clovis	71.4	96	48	0.34	2.56	8.98	3.17	12.74
Las Vegas	64.9	90	41	0.07	1.10	8.66	4.27	13.87
Moriarty	64.9	89	41	0.86	3.15	10.77	2.69	9.06
Raton	68.3	91	46	0.08	0.78	14.10	3.21	13.03
Roy	-	-	-	-	-	9.73	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	72.3	101	50	0.92	2.42	10.92	2.41	10.98
Southwest								
Animas	63.3	91	16	0.00	3.55	9.02	2.34	7.08
Deming	75.6	100	57	0.02	0.42	7.58	2.05	6.48
Gran Quivira	68.7	92	43	0.15	2.42	12.58	3.27	10.79
Quemado	64.2	83	41	0.00	1.01	5.18	3.12	9.68
Socorro	74.4	96	54	0.14	0.58	2.66	1.90	5.84
T or C	74.6	93	56	0.00	0.54	6.13	2.15	6.59
Southeast								
Alamogordo	76.1	98	53	0.15	0.89	10.62	2.41	7.92
Carlsbad	76.1	102	51	0.16	0.23	11.51	2.25	7.99
Carrizozo	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	77.3	99	60	0.29	1.09	11.58	2.29	5.92
Roswell	71.6	98	50	0.53	2.98	12.25	2.03	8.77
Ruidoso	65.4	81	42	1.50	3.54	16.43	4.04	15.03
Tatum	70.4	99	42	0.02	0.58	8.93	2.48	11.17

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.